

# Going Global: An International Survey of Lending and Borrowing Across Borders

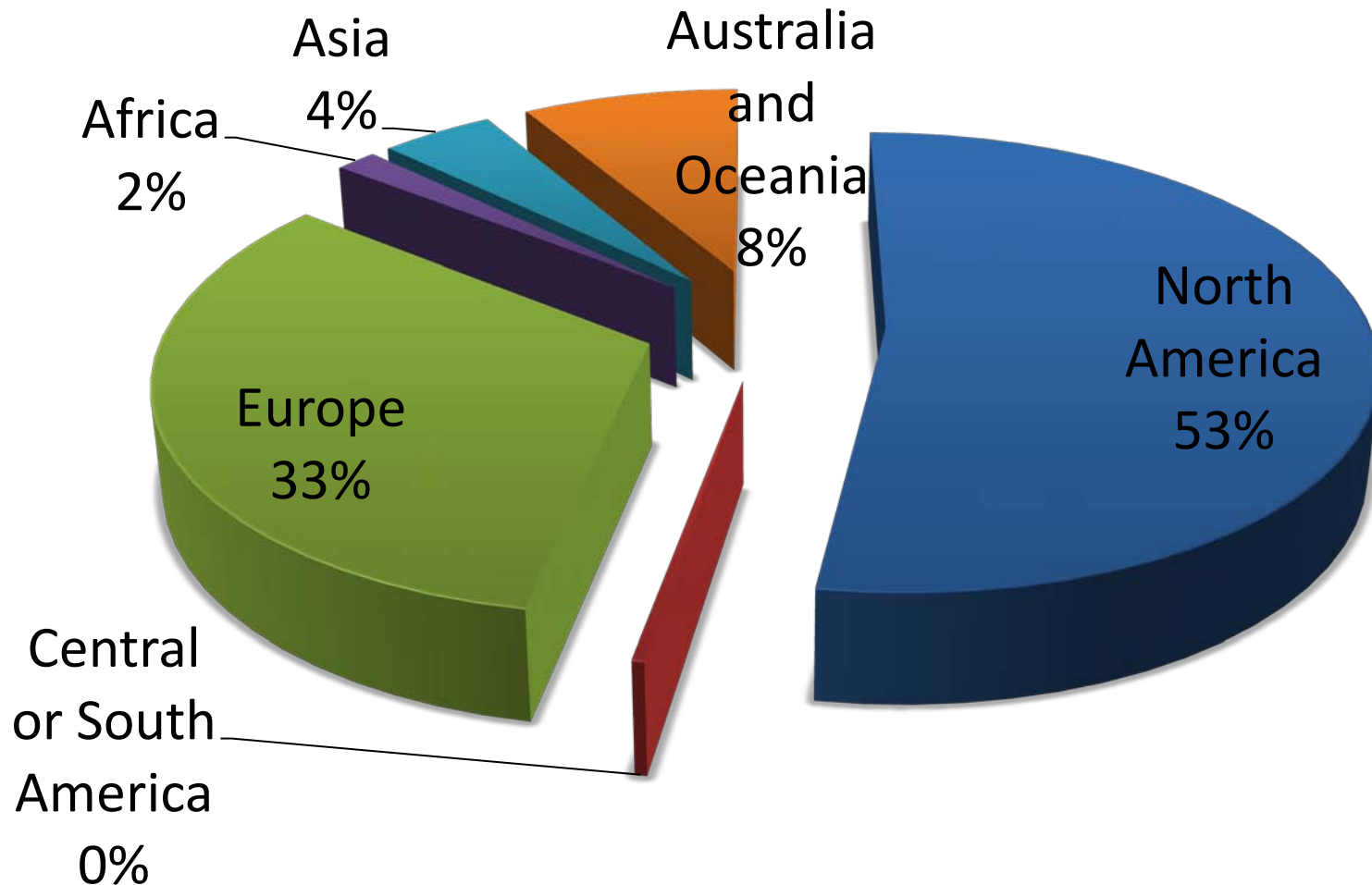
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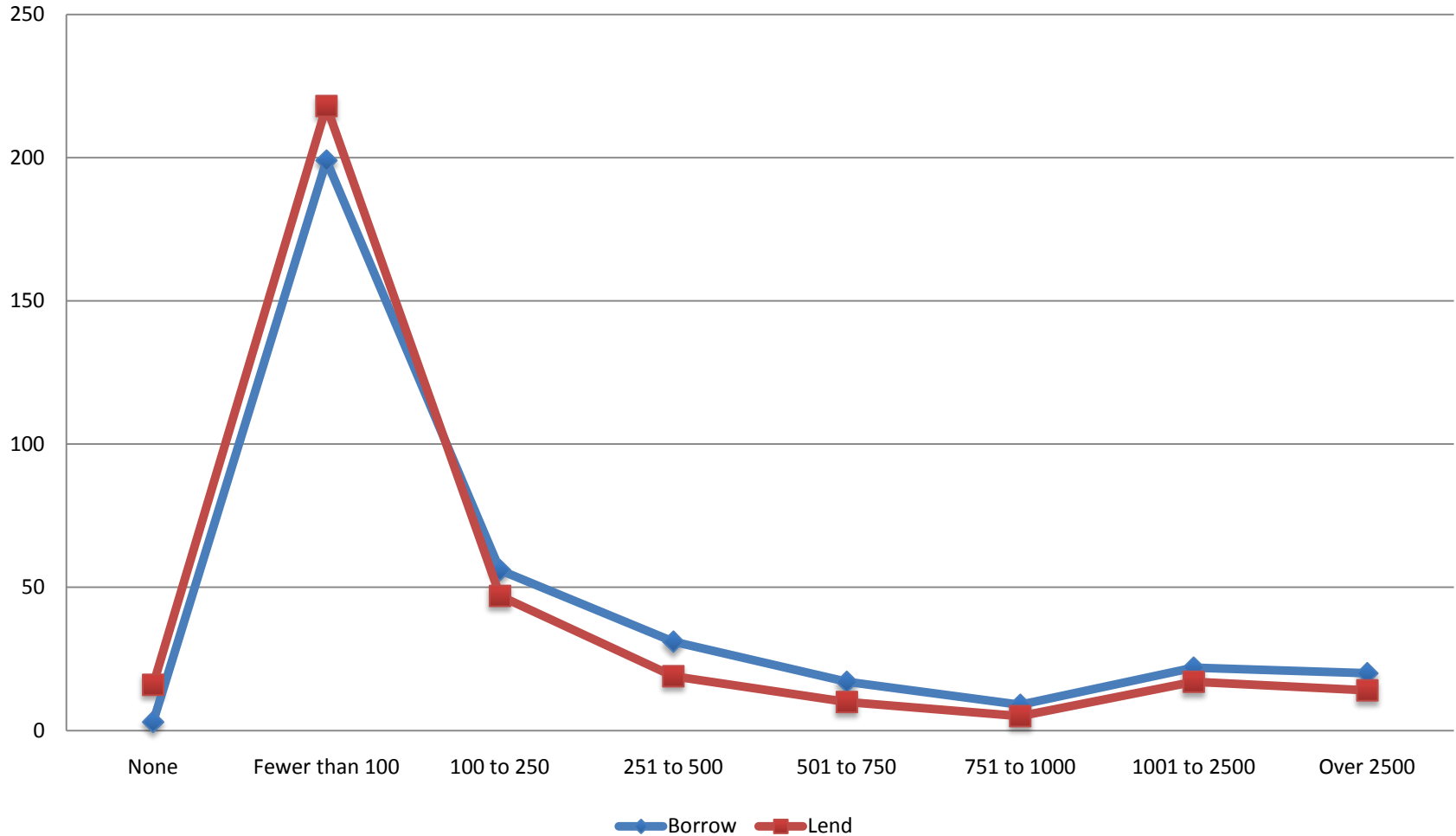
# Overview

- STARS:
  - Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section
- Purpose of RUSA STARS:
  - The purpose of the STARS International Interlibrary Loan Committee is to evaluate trends in international interlibrary loan (ILL) and resource sharing, to develop materials and resources for international ILL practitioners, and to promote international ILL resource sharing efforts.
- First Survey Initial Findings:
  - Baich, T., Zou, T., Weltin H., Yang Z. (2009), "Lending and borrowing across borders: issues and challenges with international resource sharing", *Reference and User Services Quarterly*, Vol. 49, No. 1, pp. 54-63.

## Demographics: Total Requests by Continent

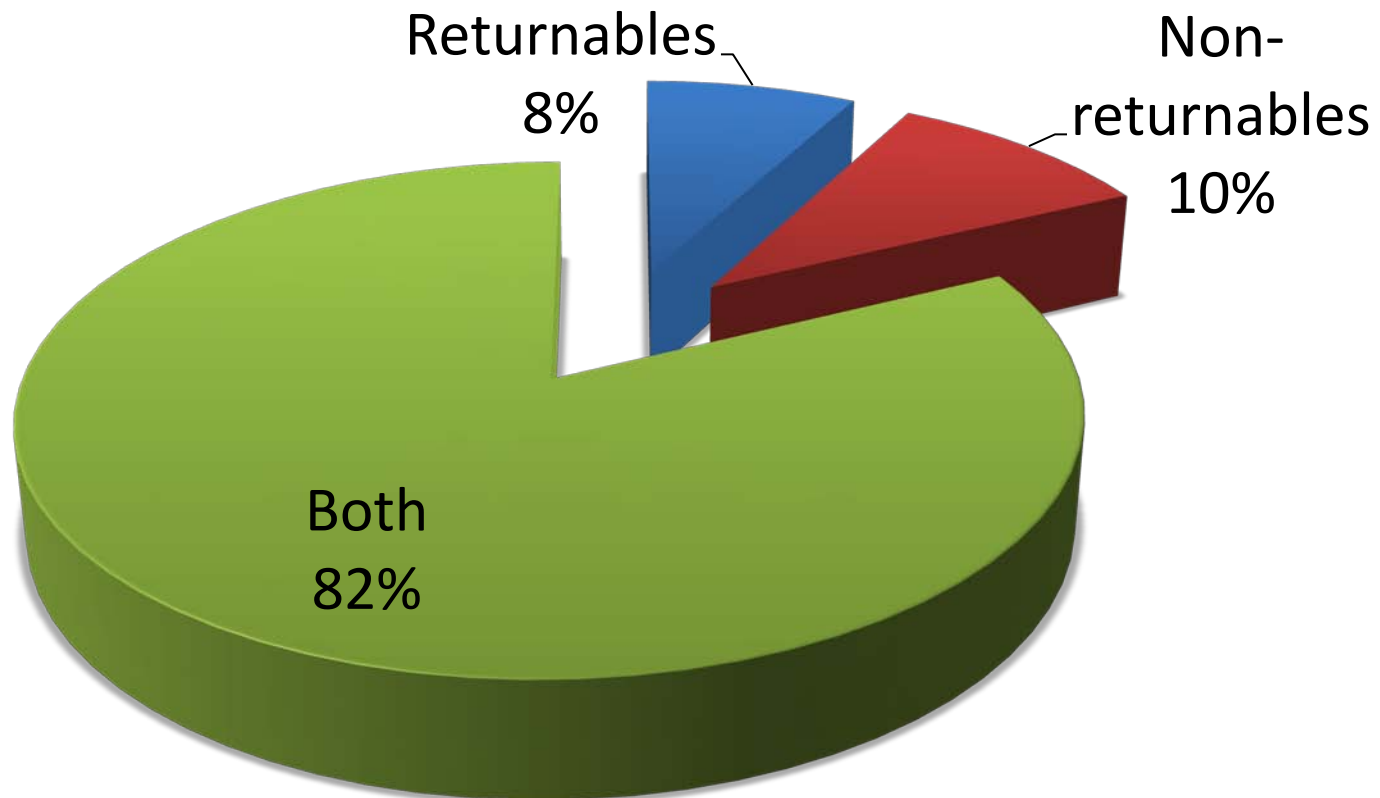


# Demographics: Volume of International Requests

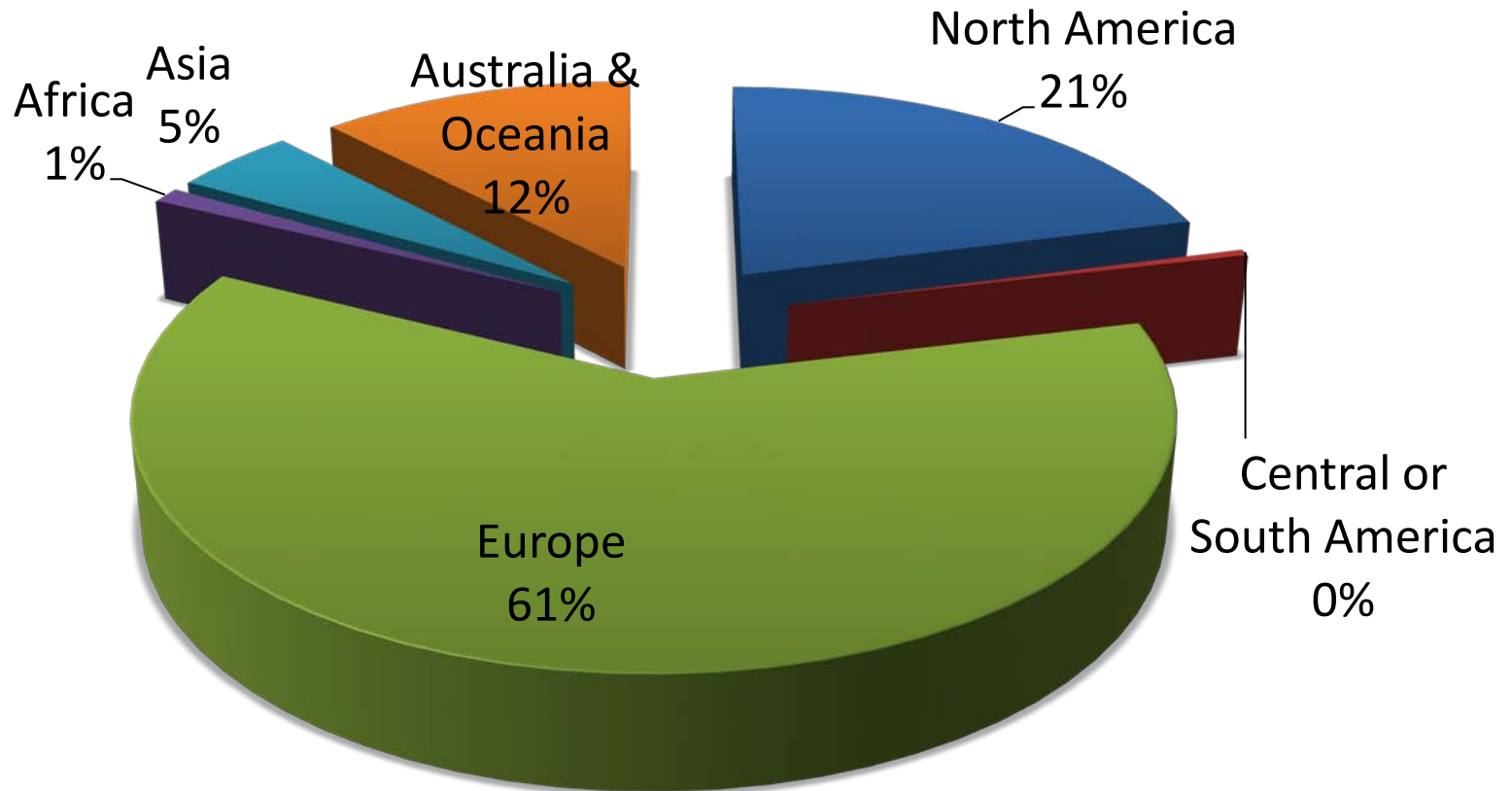


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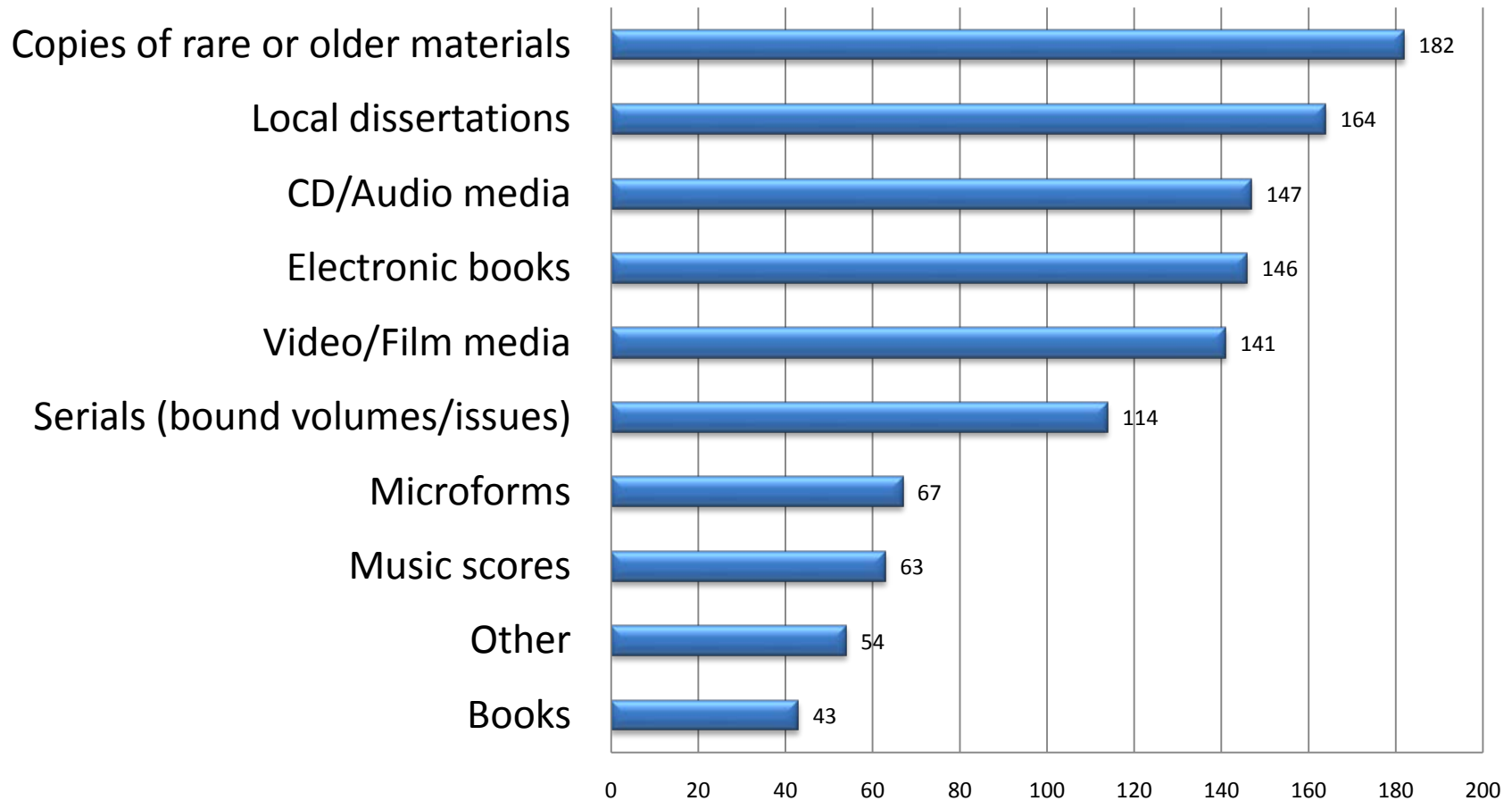
# Types of Materials Requested Internationally



# Continents from Which Libraries Will Borrow



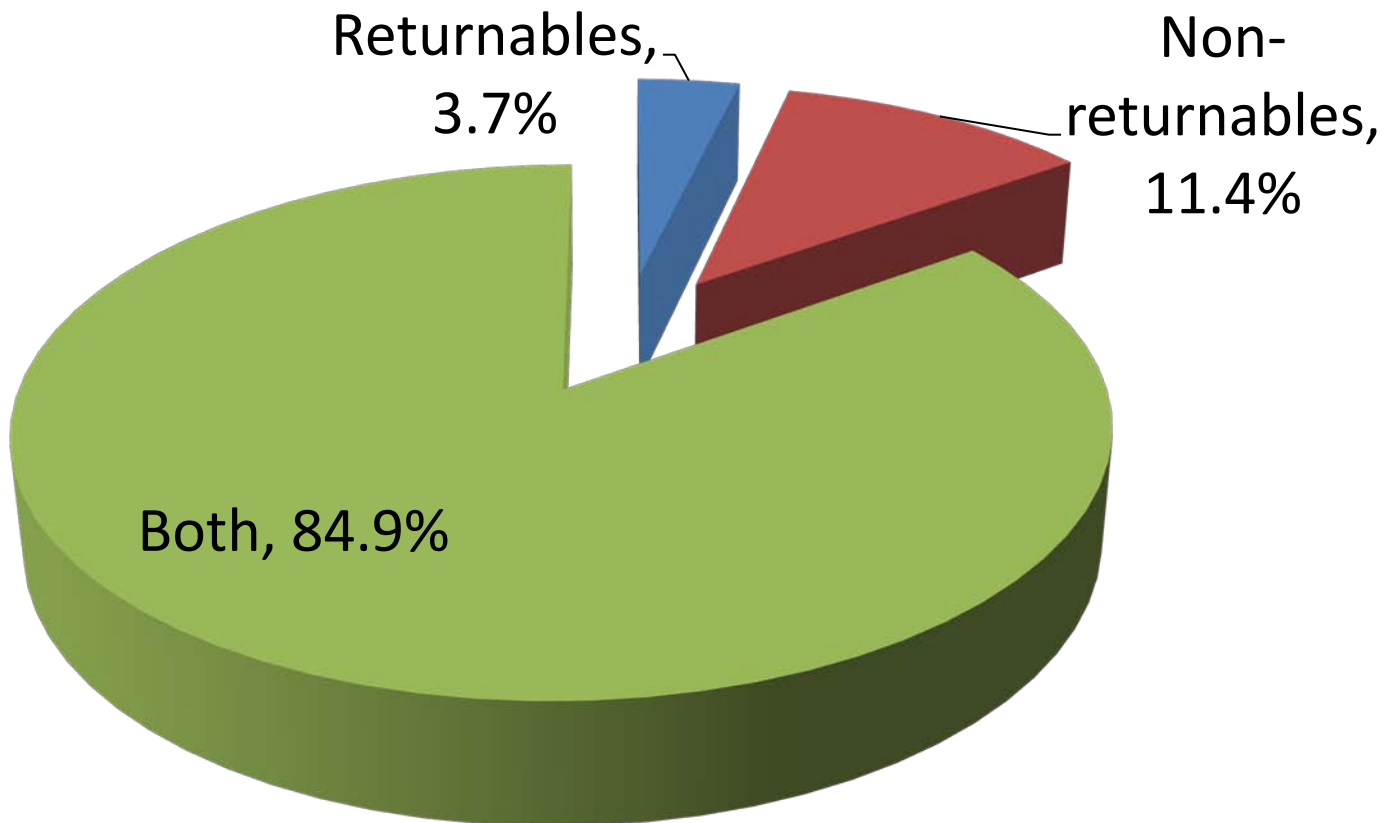
# Hard to Obtain Materials





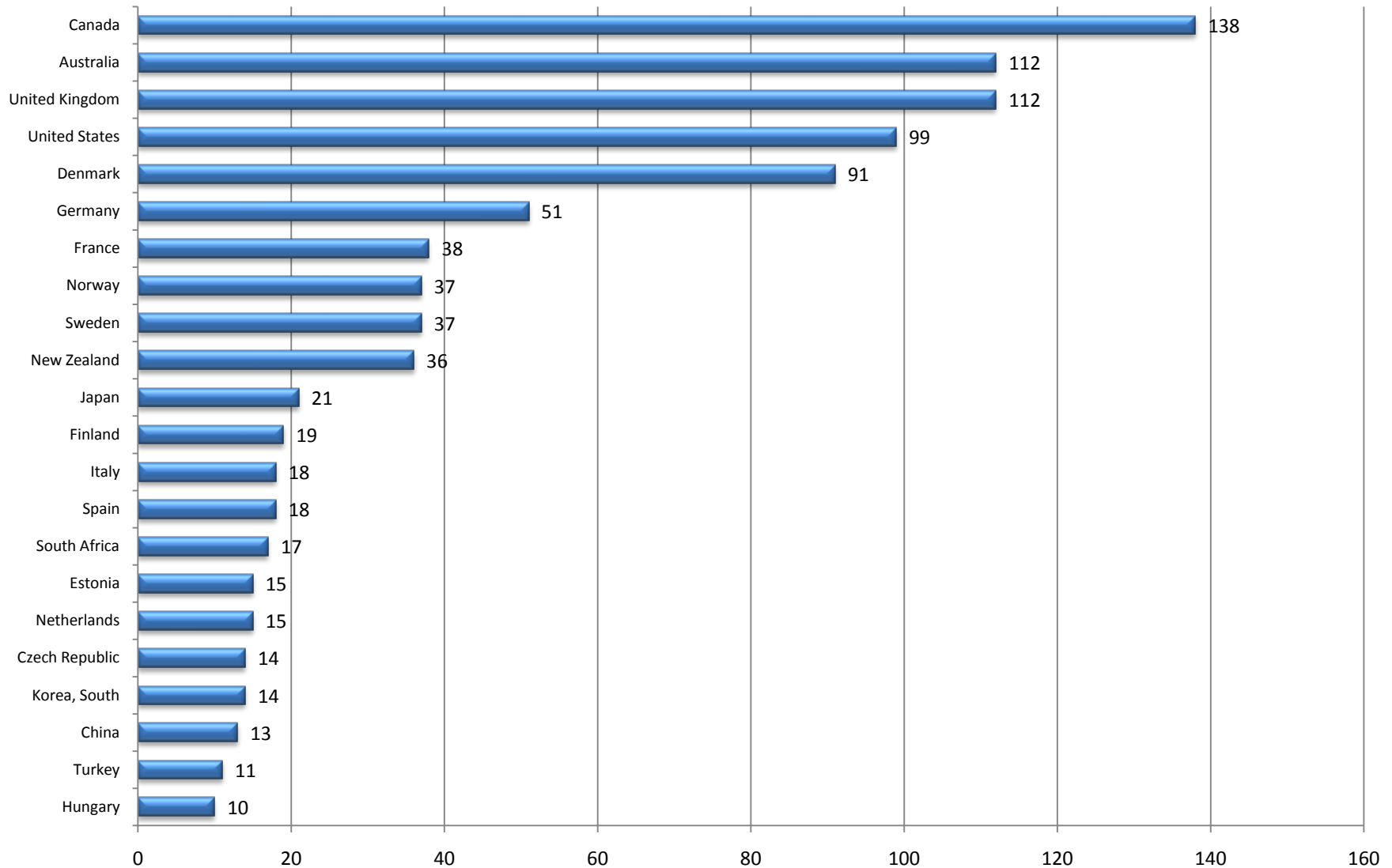
# Lending

# Types of Materials Lent Internationally



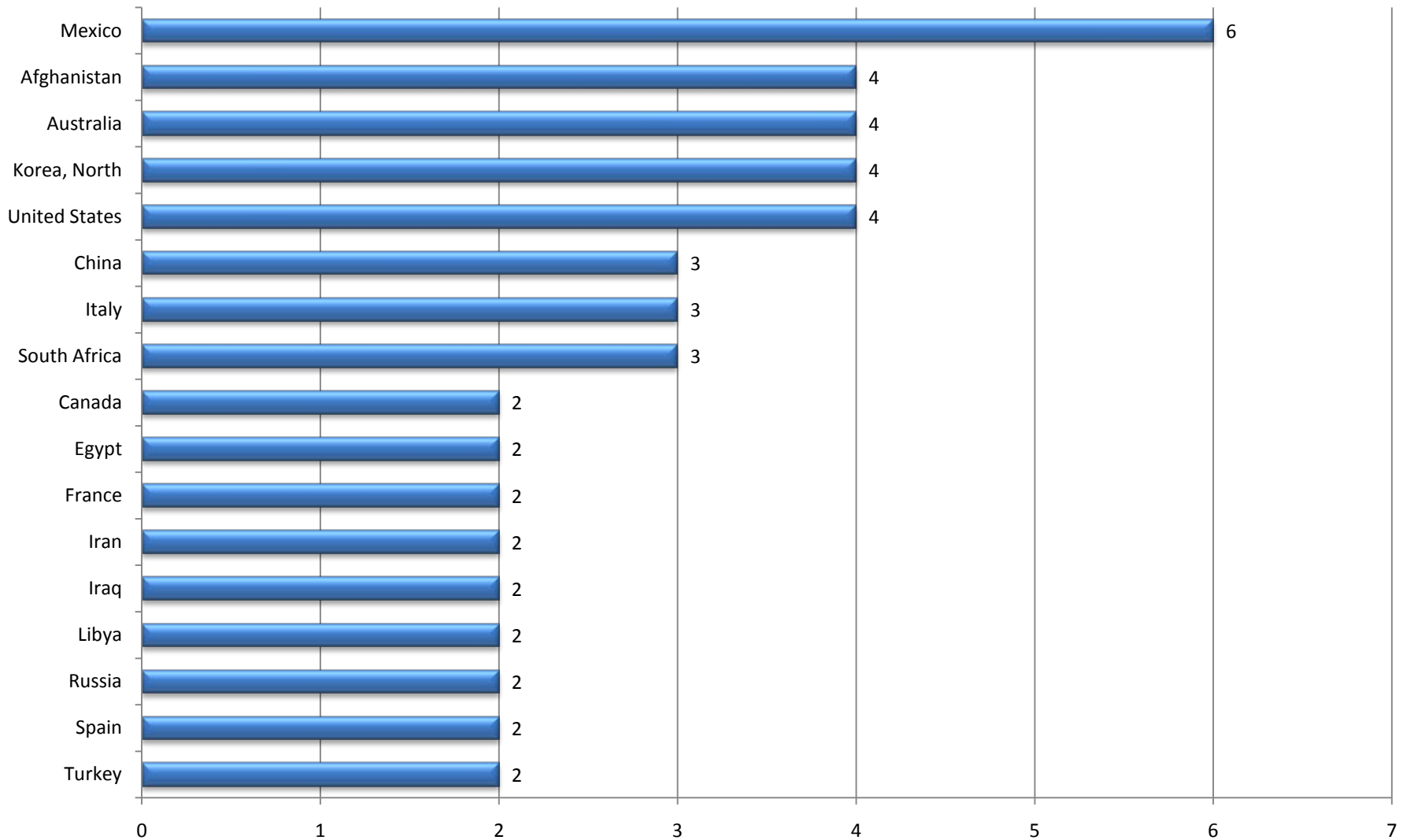


# Countries to Which Libraries Will Lend





# Countries to Which Libraries Will Not Lend



# Comparison

## 2007 survey of US libraries

- Over 50% have annual volume of less than 5,000
- 94% borrow and lend internationally
- Canada, Australia, UK among top countries from which libraries borrow and to which libraries will lend
- Videos/Films, Books more than 100 years old, & Dissertations identified as most difficult to borrow

## 2011 survey of international libraries

- Over 50% have annual volume of less than 5,000
- 87.3% borrow internationally
- 86.9% lend internationally
- Canada, Australia, UK among top countries from which libraries borrow and to which libraries will lend
- Copies of rare or older materials, Dissertations, & CD/Audio media identified as most difficult to borrow

# Summary

- Level of international ILL activity
  - 51% reported an increase of at least 10%
  - Visibility of collections
- Online lending policies
  - Only 35.7% make available on library website
- Next step
  - Full analysis of survey results and release of executive report

# Questions?

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